(ग) डीजल से चलने वाली कारों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के लिए निर्धारित समय-सीमा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबू लाल मरांडी): (क) से (ग) डीज़ल चलित वाहनों को पेट्रोल चलित वाहनों की अपेक्षा ज्यादा मात्रा में नाइट्रोजन आक्साइड विसर्जित धूलकण (सस्पैंडेड पर्टिकुलेट्स मैटर) तथा पोलीएरोमैटिक हाइड्रोकार्बन छोड़ने वाले वाहनों के रूप में जाना जाता है। इस मामले को ध्यान में रखते हुए पर्यावरण प्रदूषण (निवारण और नियंत्रण) प्राधिकरण द्वारा अपनी रिपोर्ट में विभिन्न प्रस्तावों पर विचार किया जाता रहा है जिनमें प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले कतिपय वाहनों के रजिस्ट्रेशन सहित डीजल चलित वाहनों पर प्रतिबंध लगाया जाना शामिल है। इस मामले की अभी जांच की जा रही है।

Killing of Black Bucks and Deers

1113. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the killing of black bucks in Rajasthan and of deers in Orissa as reported in a news-item in The Hindustan Times dated the 2nd February, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The report dated 2 February, 1999 in The Hindustan Times is regarding the case in which film stars Salman Khan and others were caught for killing of Black bucks and Chinkara in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan. As per the report received from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan, on the night of 26th and 28th September, 1998 film stars Salman Khan and others have been apprehended for illegal hunting of Chinkaras and black bucks in Bhawad Road area, Mathania and Kankani areas of Jodhpur district of Rajasthan.

There is no mention about killing of deers in Orissa in the said news item. According to the report received from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa also, no Black buck has been killed during the year 1998-99 in Orissa.

(c) As per the report received from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan, cases are under trial in the District Sessions Court at Jodhpur.

Pollution in Delhi

1114. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current level of air, water and noise pollution in Delhi is higher, as compared to that in other metro cities of the country;

(b) if so, what effective steps have been taken by Government, till date, to bring harmful level of pollution down to the normal one;

(c) whether any time-bound programme has been chalked out by Government; and

(d) whether Government propose to treat environment as priority sector by financial institutions and also to give infrastructure status as reported in The Hindustan Times of 17th February, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The levels of air, water and noise pollution in Delhi are not significantly higher when compared with the other metro cities.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to prevent pollution are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) The Central Government has constituted an authority known as the Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority for the National